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BY ECF

Honorable Katherine B. Forrest
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

RE: *United States v. Avtandil Khurtsidze*, 17 Cr. 350 (KBF)

Dear Judge Forrest:

The Government writes further to the Court's order of October 26, 2017, regarding the substitution by Farrukh Nuridinov, Esq., for Yuliya Vangorodska, Esq., as counsel for defendant Avtandil Khurtsidze. On the basis of Mr. Nuridinov's representations at the conference held on October 10, 2017, and those in his letter filed with the Court on or about October 23, 2017, the Government believes that no further *Curcio* proceedings are required with respect to Mr. Nuridinov, who appears at this time to suffer no potential or actual conflicts of interest with respect to his client.

The Government believes that Ms. Vangorodska does face at least a potential conflict of interest, if not an actual conflict. Although Mr. Nuridinov's letter states that he will be substituting for Ms. Vangorodska, the Government notes that she has not, as yet, withdrawn from this case. Nevertheless, the Government intends to deal exclusively with Mr. Nuridinov from this point forward in making further productions or discussing the prosecution of this case.

Ordered

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Vangorodska is
directed to inform the Court
and all counsel as to
whether she intends to
withdraw as counsel in
this case.

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